

1 I urge that the legislative proposal now before
2 you gives the maximum flexibility, gives the maximum
3 opportunity to create fair, just and equitable representa-
4 tion for all people. That we ask. I urge you seriously
5 consider leaving this matter where it properly should be,
6 with your majority elected representatives.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

8 DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, and ladies
9 and gentlemen of the Committee: I want to say that what I
10 have to say at this time is my personal point of view, as
11 well as that of the majority of the Committee. I take
12 pride in the work of our Committee, and I do not
13 at any point, having been a member of it, seek to debase it
14 or to belittle it or to deride it. I am grateful to the
15 members of my Committee who worked the many hours and put in
16 the many sessions to come to the conclusions that you have
17 arrived at. I think the majority of the Committee knows that
18 a great deal of thought and interest went into what we did.

19 I am not one to belittle compromise, nor am I
20 one to suggest that you take the Federal plan and impose
21 it upon the State of Maryland. I think there is enough